



## ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Ms. Jackalyne Pfannestiel, Chair  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: Russell City Energy Center, Docket # 01-AFC-7C

Dear Chair Pfannestiel:

I am writing to ask the California Energy Commission to delay any decision to approve the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) until the County of Alameda and Alameda County Redevelopment Agency have had appropriate time to review and comment on the project. A portion of the project site appears to be located in an area that was recently annexed to the City of Hayward but is still within the Mt. Eden Sub Area of the Eden Redevelopment Plan and therefore within the jurisdiction of the Alameda County Redevelopment Agency.

We have concern that lands in this general area (including unincorporated territory) downwind and in the general viewshed of this facility might be adversely affected by the operation and that County roads and facilities might also be impacted by the construction and operation of the facility. I have recently become aware of a general concern in the community of a potential safety issue relating to possible hazardous releases from plants of this type and the possible need to evacuate people from nearby areas. Such events could have impacts that may be of concern to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA), and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). The three transportation agencies may be concerned with the functioning and improvement of I-880, SR 92 and the interchange of these two facilities. These and perhaps other issues are of importance to the County.

The Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) was notified and has worked diligently on the project from the perspective of its single issue. The ALUC, however, is not responsible for either representing or communicating with the larger County on general issues. The County of Alameda, a general purpose government with broad responsibilities to unincorporated and incorporated areas alike, and the County Redevelopment Agency, responsible for lands within the Redevelopment Area, have not been included in the notice and referral lists for the RCEC. Since the County and Redevelopment Agency have not received project documentation or been notified of project review hearings, they have not been afforded the opportunity to fulfill their responsibilities and review and formally respond to the CEC regarding the project.

The County Community Development Agency and Public Works Agency are responsible for reviewing and informing the County Board of Supervisors, the County Redevelopment Agency, and other County boards and commissions on land use and transportation issues that could have impacts on county residents, plans, programs, and facilities. Please add

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the following names to your official notice and referral list and please send the appropriate documents for review:

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County agencies will promptly respond to your referral following review and hearing at the County Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Agency and Board of Supervisors. The earliest possible date this can be placed on the agenda of the Planning Commission is October 15, 2007. Board of Supervisors and Redevelopment Agency meetings will be determined once the Planning Commission has completed its review. In light of the recent findings of the FAA, the ALUC may also reconvene to review any position it has previously taken on the RCEC. (No decision has been made or date set.)

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James E. Sorensen

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